IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : David E. Townsend

Application No. : 09/940,682

Filed : August 27, 2001

Confirmation No. : 4343

For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING TARGET

MICROORGANISMS IN A SAMPLE

Examiner : Allison M. Ford

Art Unit : 1651

Docket No. : 150026.464

Date : December 5, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2007, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.